



## MINUTES



### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APRIL 16, 2008

**Call to Order/** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Harlow, Kirkorn, Mason, McGovern, Rivera, Siersema and Spencer were in attendance.

**Others Present:** Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works  
Todd Broussard, Acting City Engineer  
Bill Janusz, Principal Engineer  
Andy Ferrigno, Senior Civil Engineer  
Jason Churchill, Street & Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Linda Daily, Project Manager  
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

## MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Harlow, seconded by Commissioner Siersema to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Spencer)

## PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

## DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. 2008 Traffic Commissioners Workshop – Travis Hopkins informed the Commission of the upcoming workshop to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. Any Commissioner who would like to attend the workshop needs to contact Joyce Greene before April 25, 2008 for registration.

If anyone is unable to attend the workshop but would like a copy of the binder, please let Joyce Greene know and she can order a copy for them.

- E-2. Appointment of Representatives to the Circulation Element Advisory Committee – Two representatives from the Public Works Commission is requested. Meeting dates have not yet been announced. Once they are available they will be provided to the representatives.

Commissioners Mc Govern and Siersema volunteered to service on the Committee with Commissioner Kirkorn as an alternate.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information.

Commissioner Siersema noted a significant increase in the Project Budget for Newland Widening CC1095 and inquired as to the increase. Todd Broussard responded the original engineer's estimate was made 4-5 years ago and there have been significant increases in cost of asphalt and concrete in addition to other cost increases. The project budget was not updated until bids were received.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired about street lighting along the Newland widening project. Bill Janusz confirmed there will be new lighting on the east side of Newland and on the west side far southerly portion at Pacific Coast Highway. However, due to the street width lighting cannot be accommodated on the west side of Newland north of the RV park.

Travis Hopkins provided an update on Lift Station D and the Warner Avenue Gravity Sewer Main. The City is moving forward to tie in the first two runs and to move all traffic controls off the street prior to the beginning of summer. Staff continues to meet with the design engineering staff, the contractor and legal representation from both sides on cost coverage. Lift station D is nearing completion.

Commissioner Mason inquired if there is an estimate of increased costs. Mr. Hopkins responded 10-20% of the original estimate. One option would include an entire new lift station that would significantly increase costs above the estimated 10-20% should that becomes necessary. The meetings being held continue to evaluate for responsibility. The City Attorney's Office staff has been actively involved in the meetings.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired of construction signage for the Garfield Street widening project. Todd Broussard responded contractors are responsible for placing signage. In some cases there are restrictions on the size of the signage as to not impede street or sidewalk traffic. In many cases reduced size signage must be used.

- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information.

Mr. Hopkins informed the Commission a special meeting is being held on April 17, 2008 on the Beach/Edinger Corridor Specific Plan. The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Central Library in rooms C and D.

May 5, 2008 will be the Mid-year Budget Review held in room B-8 at City Hall.

- F-3. Proposed Capital Improvement Program FY 2008/09 Street and Neighborhood Improvements – Todd Broussard made the presentation. The CIP for Fiscal Years 2008/09 through 2013/14 is in preparation. The proposed CIP is being presented to the Commission in increments with Neighborhood Improvements Pavement Management Plan as phase I. The Overall Condition Index (OCI) was assigned to street segments. Information including proposed budget amounts is fed into a software program. The program then recommends streets to be rejuvenated. Three maintenance efforts are used, slurry, overlay or remove and replace asphalt. The condition of the street dictates which process is used.

In Fiscal Year 2008/09, using Proposition 1B fund and Gas Tax, \$6 million will be used for street rehabilitation. Residential overlay projects will use \$700,000 of Proposition 42 City Aid Program funds that will rehabilitate approximately 30 streets.

Residential concrete rehabilitation anticipates an allocation of \$3 million from Gas Tax and Measure M funds. The street work will include curb and gutter repair and street tree removal and replacement. This will include 10 streets from the original tree petition list of streets by date received, and 10 streets from the more recent ranking list.

The Commission then discussed the deterioration of City alleys as many downtown residents only having alley access. Questions related to alley repairs are the most frequent question from downtown residents. Mr. Hopkins responded Downtown RDA funds will include three alley repairs. Water line replacement work will repair some of the other alleyways but does not cover all those in need of repair. Underfunding continues to be an issue. The department looks for funding opportunities to make needed repairs. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mason inquired of the Hamilton/Atlanta paving project and if it is scheduled during the summer while students are out of school. Mr. Broussard responded affirmative.

The recently completed bridge study indicated the city's bridges are structurally sound with preventative maintenance issues identified. Staff applied for state funding for four bridges but the program has been discontinued due to state budget cuts. Bridges compete with street fund as do alleys. Staff continues to look for other funding opportunities.

Discussion reverted to City alleyways. Commissioner Mason inquired if there had been any discussion with affected residents on assessment districts and Mr. Hopkins responded that has not been discussed. Commissioner Mason then inquired if the City has any blanket contract on a square foot basis for alley rehabilitation. Mr. Broussard responded each alley has unique design issues where blanket contracts would not be feasible.

The Commission suggests that in the presentation to City Council, actual needs be stated in addition to amount being requested.

Commissioner Spencer asked, in relationship to alley and roadway deterioration, with the number of increased trucks from Rainbow Disposal on roadways what impact they have and how are repair costs recovered. Mr. Hopkins responded a portion of the franchise fee is for additional vehicles on roads, however, the fee is rolled into the General Fund and not automatically allocated to roadway maintenance and repair.

Discussion continued on various streets throughout the City and the deterioration of alleys. Various locations in the plan were discussed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Increase Construction Change Order Limit for the Downtown Water Main Replacement Project, CC 1283 – Andy Ferrigno presented the project. An increase in the construction change order limit from 15% to 25% is requested.

A contract awarded to Accord Engineering, Inc. for a separate water main replacement project, CC 1238, was terminated due to lack of progress in completing contract milestones. In an effort to minimize further inconvenience and disruption to the residents along the alley of CC 1238, the remaining length of pipeline installation and pavement rehabilitation was added as a change order item to the construction contract with Williams Pipeline Contractor, Inc. It is estimated a total of \$310,000 additional will be required to fund the construction being transferred necessitating the need in increase the change order limit to 25%.

Since transferring the work to Williams Pipeline, the water line has been replaced. Additional funds are now needed to complete the project. The original contract with Williams Pipeline was awarded for a specific amount; therefore, the balance of the CC 1238 project will be re-bid.

Costs for completion of the contract with Accord Engineering could have been pursued from the bond amount, but after discussions with the bonding company, staff is of the opinion this would have caused a delay and major inconvenience to the impacted residents. The decision was made to combine the work with the existing contract with Williams Pipeline for the most expeditious completion.

Discussion ensued on reference checks prior to award of original contract and not being sufficient areas of concern to disqualify the bidder. It is estimated that 50% of the pipe work was complete and 35% of the alley prior to termination of the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner Mason to recommend to the City Council to increase the previously authorized 15% construction change order limit to 25% for CC1283.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	7
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

- G-2. Advertise Sewer Lift Station #26 Rebuild, CC 1277 – Andy Ferrigno presented the project. Lift Station #26 was constructed in 1972 with the wet well expanded in 1989 to accommodate additional development. The Lift Station is demonstrating signs of deterioration due to age and proximity to the marine environment. Plans for the rebuild are in final preparation.

Commissioner Siersema inquired about the cost estimate noting that other recent projects have had significant cost increases over the original estimate. Mr. Broussard responded each rebuild has its own unique issues; however, this lift station is comparable to the recently completed Lift Station #25 Edinger/Santa Barbara. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner Harlow to recommend to the City Council Sewer Lift Station #26 Rebuild, CC-1277.

VOTE:           The motion carried.  
AYES:           7  
NOES:           0  
ABSENT:         0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Street Lighting Upgrade and Replacement – Pacific Coast Highway – 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street CC-1266 – Bill Janusz presented the project. Mr. Janusz informed the Commission this is one project of several that will be coming before the Commission for approval to upgrade street lighting in the downtown area. The combination of high voltage and the degradation of the system increase the risk in performing maintenance and construction projects in the area. Grant funds combined with budgeted funds have been allocated for the upgrading and replacement project. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Siersema inquired if the City could transfer all the lighting and maintenance to SCE as the majority of City lighting, with the exception of some areas of downtown, belonging to SCE. Commissioner Mason responded when the IIMP was being created this issue was discussed and for SCE to take over the entire system all lighting must be brought up to SCE standards, which would cost the City millions of dollars. It was requested that staff inquire if lighting can be transferred in segments as it is brought up to SCE standard.

Motion by Commissioner Harlow, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to recommend to the City Council the modifications to the street lighting system along Pacific Coast Highway between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mason inquired of the weed control project the City had last year and what the program is this year. Mr. Hopkins will inquire and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Siersema requested to have a field trip again this year touring Public Work projects in conjunction with the CIP. Travis Hopkins will work on the organization and logistics of a tour that will be held at a future date.

Commissioner Kirkorn acknowledged a Public Works Part-time employee, Jayme Alho and a recent positive interaction Mr. Kirkorn had with Mr. Alho relating to removal and disposal of a mattress left on a street.

Discussion was held on the Banning and Bushard intersection recent traffic accident. Mr. Hopkins responded the intersection is being reevaluated for signage. Mr. Hopkins also informed the Commission the Traffic Priority List is being updated this year and traffic accident history is one component in the ranking system.


Commissioner Siersema inquired of "Green Technology" for Public Works projects and asked for a briefing at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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George Rivera  
Chair



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Joyce A. Greene  
Administrative Assistant